

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Disability Pride Month July 2023

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 was signed into law on July 26, 1990;

WHEREAS, according to the Massachusetts Office on Disability, 3,211 people in the Northampton have disabilities;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control reports that 17% of children aged 3-17 years old will have a developmental disability;

WHEREAS, individuals with a disability remain at an increased risk of experiencing discrimination, isolation, and inequities;

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities are vital and make meaningful contributions to the arts, science, health care, technology, sports, education, law, and many more sectors; and

WHEREAS, *Disability Pride Month* is celebrated in July by people across the United States, and so

NOW,

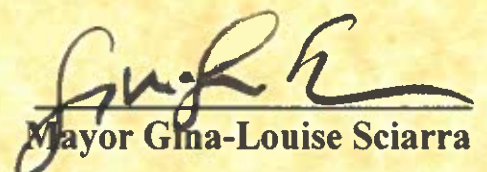
THEREFORE, I, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra do hereby proclaim July of 2023, and every July thereafter, as

DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

in the City of Northampton, and I urge all residents recognize the contributions made by people with disabilities and create a more inclusive environment for people with disabilities

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and have imprinted the Seal of the City of Northampton on this first day of July 2023.




Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra